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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

Serial Nos. 1 — 11

Major ~~Part~~ B for Sept. 1893

SUBJECT.

Proposal to abolish the office of Deputy Inspector of Octroi in the Bangalore City Municipality

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We cannot interfere with the arrangements made by the Municipal Board. We can see that the Octroi revenue is suffering.

We must endorse the Petition as follows —

"We fear we see no reason to interfere with the decision of the Municipal Board."

11/6/93

The tone of the memo to which Keller is unable to assent does not seem to us. We must never allow any bias one way or the other till all the facts are before us.

Subsequent order

Let me see the report of the proceedings before this order is issued.

4/6/93

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Note.

Petitioner is the Dy Inspector of Octroi in the City Municipality. It is undoubted that his qualifications are not only good but are of an exceptionally superior kind. He comes from the Bombay side where he distinguished himself as a detective Police Officer. Sir Frank Souter the Comr of the Bombay Police & the ablest Police officer in India of recent times certifies as follows

"'on several occasions rendered most valuable service in bringing to light heinous offenders', performed his duties to my entire satisfaction', 'Secured a gold bangle from Govt in appreciation of his Conduct', 'is a particularly active, zealous, & efficient Police officer & I never had occasion to doubt his honesty'." He has other Certificates, in equally laudatory terms. On page 7 of the printed copy of his testimonials is an order

of mr. our late President of the
Bangalore municipality which
shows that so long ago as
1874 petitioner was a
successful detective overseer
in the Bangalore municipality.
In his capacity as a prosecuting
inspector is testified to by
the Town magistrate of
Bangalore and his ability
& honesty in recent period of
his service & are highly
spoken of by messrs
Puttanna chetty and
Vaidyanatha Iyer. The
only objection which the
President has to him is
that his pay is too low
& that he cannot advise
~~its being left to~~ octroi
work to be left to a
low-paid man with no
future prospects to look
forward to. In the first
place it seems to be a
rather novel proposition
that an official who has
served zealously in a
number of years, whose
honesty & special capacity
in detective & prosecuting
work has been testified

by the Vice-Presidents
of the municipality

to by all his superiors, should
he asked to go home because
his pay is too low. Secondly
there is an octroi superintendent
who is expected to supervise
his work. In the Cantonment
there is an octroi Supt.,
a prosecuting inspector on
75 Rs and two inspectors
for detective & other duty
Here we have only one
Dy Inspector who does both
detective & prosecuting work
It may be remarked here
that the present octroi
Supt is new to octroi
work having been
appointed to his place only
about a year ago and
has never been in the
Police which at any rate
would have been some
guarantee for detective
capacity Even if he
is relieved of collection
work, a Dy Inspector
would be necessary. The
President says in effect
(petitioner is no doubt
an official of ability &
experience. I have nothing
to say against him personally
But his pay is only 32 Rs
i.e. & he is not trustworthy

& I would advise his services
being dispensed with
Very recently Govt asked the
Municipality if they would
like to levy octroi on Cocoanut
oil at rates wh would produce
6 to 8 thousand Rs a year
at least & the Board have
answered in the affirmative
As a de good detective officer
is necessary in consideration
of the expansion of the octroi
in the near future, & in
regard to the fact that our
octroi is constantly rubbing
sides with the highly organised
octroi dep[t] of the Cantonment
& petitioner has done good
and meritorious service
to the Municipality his
prayer may be granted
and provision made for him
in the Budget. The defect of
his diminutive play may
be cured by increasing it
when the additional revenue
from oils &c will enable
the Municipality to do so

Subd to Councillor
27/5. FP

(General Serial No 32.)

L 2432

1893.

No. 2805

Name of Petitioner Yubba Rao

Deputy Inspector, Octroi Department

Village? City Municipality

Taluk? Bangalore

District

Date of Arzi. 26-4-93

Date of Receipt. 26-4-93

Date of Disposal.

No. of Enclosures. One.

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Received minute Board's Secretariat

ABSTRACT.

Praying that provision may be made for his pay in the Municipal Budget Estimate for 1893-94

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To

His Excellency the Dewan Sahib,
of Mysore.

Most Respected and Honored Sir

In submitting herewith most respectfully a copy of my petition addressed to the President, City Municipality, Bangalore, requesting the retention of my appointment for favor of your excellency's kind persual, I humbly beg leave to state that I have been discharging efficiently not only the octroi work, but also the work of the Forest department connected with fuel brought into the city for the last four years without any allowances.

I pray that your gracious Excellency may be pleased to cause the provision for my pay being made in the Municipal Budget Estimates for 1893-94 already submitted to your Excellency's office, considering my services and the facts I ha-

put forth in the said petition.

I beg to remain
Most respected and honored Sir,
Your most obedient and
humble servant.

Bangalore
26th April 1893

S. M. Bhagavan
Deputy Inspector,
Octroi Department
City Municipality, Bangalore.

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(General Serial No. 32.)

1893.

No. 2830

Name of Petitioner. Soobbaraw Dy Insp. Octroi Dr City Mu

Village.

Taluk. Bang

District.

Date of Arzi. 27-4-93

Date of Receipt. 28-4-93

Date of Disposal.

No. of Enclosures. 1 & 100.

Subject Petn. of Soobbaraw Dy Insp. Octroi Dr City Municipality Bang

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requested to suspend all action taken under the resolution of the Board

Memo

The accompanying petition is forwarded to the President City Municipal Board. for his very early ~~favourable~~ transmission of ~~disposal~~ his remarks. ~~It appears~~ On a perusal of the petition & its enclosures it ~~& Govt.~~ appears to Govt. that the defective branch of the octroi department requires an official of the position & experience of petitioner, having regard to the fact that the Supt. is in addition charged with the duties of Collector of ~~Mohatarpha~~ taxes, and that the municipal Board ~~were hasty in their~~ did not give the matter the amount of consideration demanded by the interests of a department whose sphere is likely to ex-hance in the near future & which Govt. ~~has~~ to largely to the municipal revenues. Pending the final decision of Govt. the President is requested to suspend all action taken under the resolution of the Board

Sd/-

Memo

Submits a copy of his Memorial to the President Bangalore City Municipality & prays that his pay for March proposed for in the current year may be sanctioned.

Sd/-

Read 13/5/93

Mysore Govt. Central Press Bangalore—7-9-92,—1000.

TESTIMONIALS

OF

SUBBA RAO VENKATESH.

English and the many other languages spoken by the different races in the Town of Belgaum, which nomination met with Mr. Seton Karr's approval.

Since his tenure of Office in this appointment I have had no cause to diminish the good opinion he had previously given me reason to entertain of his capabilities and conduct.

BELGAUM,
13*th September* 1858.

(Signed) Z. H. SOUTER,
Supt. of Police.

Abstract Translation.

The Superintendent of Police, Belgaum Zillah, Major Tait, Commanding Officer, Southern Mahara-tta Irregular Horse, Kaladgi and Mr. Souter recommended the zeal you evinced in detecting Babasaib of Naragondikur who had concealed himself with five others in a Jungle-cave under the jurisdiction of Toragal Sinakasi, after he had caused the death of Mr. Mansen Political Agent, Belgaum Zillah. In appreciation of your services you are granted a reward of Rs. 400.

(Signed) G. G. THOMAS,
Supt. of Police Dharwar.

Abstract Translation.

A prize of Rs. 200 as fixed by Police Superintendent Mr. Souter is awarded to subba Row Venkatesh, Special Fouzdar for his exertions in finding out one Bhagoji Naik Bhill who with the aid of 200 men looted the Treasuries at Akola and Yavali Taluks of Ahamadanagar Zillah and resorted to a hillock near Sungamaner Jungle.

NASSICK,
15*th Sept.* 1857.

(Signed) J. J. DAVIS,
Asst. Police Superintendent.

I hereby certify that Soobba Row Venkatesh served under me as Joint Police Officer during nearly the whole period I was in chage of the Belgaum Police. He was remarkable for the zeal and industry he invariably displayed in the discharge of his duties and I have reasons to believe he was strictly honest.

BOMBAY, (Signed) C. FARJETT,
13*th April* 1861. *Late Supt. of Police.*

While I had charge of the Police of the Belgaum Zillah, the bearer Soobba Row Venkatesh served as Fouzdar under me for upwards of 3 years; during this period he performed his duties to my entire satisfaction, and on several occasions rendered most valuable service in bringing to light heinous offenders. In one instance securing a gold bangle from Government in appreciation of his conduct, Soobba Row Venketesh is a particularly active, zealous, and efficient Police Officer, and I never had occasion to doubt his honesty.

AHMEDNAGER, (Signed) FRANK H SOUTER,
17*th December*, *Superintendent of Police.*

To

MR. CHINTO NEILCUNT,
Fouzdar of Khandalla.

Be so good as to render the bearer, a Police Inspector from Bombay, any and all the assistance you can in tracing the late robberies at Lanowlee.

10*th February* (Signed) G. G. THOMAS, CAPT,
1862. *Ag. Supt. of Police.*

MY DEAR MR. FARJETT,

With Soobba Row's assistance, I am ready to catch hold of a gang of ruffians who have been playing no end of tricks in Poonah, but before we can put the

finishing stroke we must have certain assistance which I think you can give me. What that is Soobba Row will explain and if you can do it and send Soobba Row back sharp, I shall be very greatly obliged.

OOROORLEE
11*th March* 1862.

Yours very truly,
(Signed) G. G. THOMAS.

Abstract Translation.

Subba Row Venkatesh has exerted himself much in bringing to light the deceit practised in Poona on Karsoji and Mahipal Singh in pearl trade to the extent of Rs. 15,000, and the late robbery of jewels valued respectively at Rs. 6,000 and 23,000. And in appreciation of his services a reward of Rs. 600 is awarded and Rs. 400 sanctioned for distribution among his subordinates.

POONA,
23*rd June* 1863.

(Signed) G. G. THOMAS,
Superintendent of Police.

The bearer Soobba Row Venkatesh is on duty connected with the Detection of the Treasure robbery which took place on the Thullghaut on the 17th ultimo. This is to request that he may receive any assistance he may require from the Police authorites in Khandesh.

Camp Egutpoora,
5*th November* 1862.

(Signed) P. T. DAVIES,
Assistant Superintendent of Police.

Extract para 2 of Letter No. 201 *of* 22*nd November* 1862, *from Lieutt. J. T. Davies acting Assistant Superintent of Police, Nassik to W. Cooper Esq. Traffic Manager G. I. P. Railway Bombay.*

2. I am much obliged to you for having placed his (Soobba Row Venkatesh) valuable services at my disposal during my enquiries into the Ghaut robbery

case. He has been of very great assistance to me and has proved himself by his great zeal, intelligence, and activity to be a most efficient Police Officer.

"True Extract"

(Signed) J T MARTIN DAVIES,
Ag. Assistant Superintendent of Police.

Abstract Translation.

This is to certify that a reward of Rs 300 was granted to Subba Row Venkatesh for his having detected the porters who robbed at Thullghat certain part of the treasure that was being conveyed by Rail from Bombay mint to Khan territory.

NASSICK,
16*th January* 1863.

(Signed) J J. DAVIS,
Police Asst. Superintendent.

At the request of Soobba Row, a Detective Police Officer I certify that he Soobba Row, served under me as a Detective Officer, whilst I was with the railway Company and he always gave me satisfaction He is energetic and has a good deal of tact in dealing with case placed in his hands.

BOMBAY,
3*rd February* 1863.

(Signed) W. COOPER.

This is to certify that Sooba Row Venkatesh received from this Department the sum of Rs five hundred being portion of a reward of Rs. 3,000 granted by Government for the detection and conviction of certain forgers of Government Currency Notes.

BOMBAY,
25*th May* 1865

(Signed) T H HENDERSON, MAJOR,
Ag. Commissioner of Police.

ostract Translation.

ɹɒba Rao, Venkatesh was serving under
ɔial Inspector for 3 years he gave me entire
ɔtion. For his having discharged his duties
ɹafully and honestly I have recommended him many
a time for rewards. As he applied for release owing to his illness, I permitted him to go back to his place.

VENGOORLE, SADASIVAGOOD, 11*th Febrary* 1868. (Sd.) G. G. THOMAS *Suptt. of Police.*,

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From

THE PRESIDENT,

Cantonment Municipal Commission,

Bangalore.

To

THE DETECTIVE OVERSEER,

No. 3184.

His application in the dairy for gratuity for the detection of smuggled Tobacco &c.

Forwards a Cheque No. 301 for Rs 50 as a gratuity for the exertions of the Detective Overseer, in the Detection of smuggled tobacco, and he is requested to forward a stamped Receipt for the amount at his earliest convenience.

Dated 26th February 1874

(Signed) J. H. ORR,
President Ml. Commission,
Bangalore Cantonment

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His Excellency the Dewan Sahib
of Mysore.

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Most respected and Honored Sir,

In submitting herewith most respectfully a copy of my petition addressed to the President, City Municipality, Bangalore, requesting the retention of my appointment together with a copy of my testimonials for favor of Your Excellency's kind perusal, I beg leave to humbly state that I have been discharging efficiently not only the Octoi work both day and night, but also the work of Forest department connected with fuel brought into the city since the abolition of Forest Gate Establishment, without any allowances

I pray that your gracious excellency may be pleased to cause my pay being provided for in the Municipal Budget Estimates for 1893-94, submitted to your excellency's office, Considering my services

and the facts I have put forth in
the said petition

I beg to remain
most respected and honored Sir,
Your most obedient & humble Servant

Bangalore
27th April 1893

Sd Illegible Rao
Deputy Inspector,
Ochoi department
City Municipality, Bangalore.

To

The President,

City Municipality,

Bangalore.

MOST RESPECTED SIR,

It was resolved in the Municipal meeting held on the 28th February last that the post of the Deputy Inspector in the Octroi Department should be done away with; and that no provision need be made therefor in the Budget Estimates for 1893—94. In connection with this resolution, I beg leave to submit respectfully a few remarks which, may go to shew that the said post is absolutely necessary. I pray that some consideration will be shewn to them, as proferred by an old servant of the Department and from one who has spent most part of his life in the detection duty.

2. The work in the Octroi Department is of two kinds—1st, of the Koti, and the 2nd out-door. In doing the former are employed 2 Monegars and 1 writer, and in the latter, 1 Deputy Inspector, 4 Pygusties, and 28 Ookud peons and 5 mutsaddies & to supervise these two sections there is appointed a Superintendent.

3. The Koti work consists in weighing out tobacco to the merchants, examining betal-leaf and cocoanut carts, issuing passes to the *Bharamarg* carts, checking accounts with the daily receipts, and attending to the office correspondence. The out-door work is made up of guarding the main roads and bye-paths which form the inlets into the city, checking the stock of excisable articles in the shops, detecting smuggled articles and preparing cases, and conducting prosecutions.

4. From these details it will be seen that the presence of the Superintendent in the Koti is indispensable both in the morning and noon hours, that the Koti work alone engages much of his attention, and that, therefore, he cannot possibly, in the direction of the out-door work, do more than supervising occasionally the staff thereon employed, issuing them instructions from time to time and seeing that they are strictly acted up to. While so, if the Superintendent's time be made to be divided equally between the said two kinds of work, it is obvious that either of them would not be got through satisfactorily, or even if one could be well discharged it would be to the prejudice of the other, not to say anything of the trouble and inconvenience the merchants and others will be put to by the absence of the Superintendent at the Koti.

5. It might have been presumed whether all the out-door work expected of a Deputy Inspector cannot be got through by the 2 special and

3 ordinary Pygusties alone. But in regard to this, I respectfully beg to submit that these cannot satisfactorily do it. For they are low paid servants, and it is too much to expect that they can well control and check the Ookud Peons who draw equally low salaries as themselves. There is also the danger, in the absence of a higher officer's direct supervision over these men, which the Superintendent cannot make, for reasons explained above, of a combination being formed between the Pygusties and the Ookud peons, and matters being carried on suitably to their own private interests and to the detriment of the Department.

6. One instance I beg to put forth to shew what serious inconveniences may be apprehended by dispensing with the services of a direct supervising officer, and entrusting the important work of guarding the main inlets solely to the low-paid subordinates. While I was employed as Detective Overseer in the Civil and Military Station Municipality, certain Pygusties connived with the Ookud peons in permiting some 100 Mds. of tobacco to be removed in 3 carts without collecting taxes thereon, as destined to some out station, and allowing the same to be illicitly brought into the city that very night. This I found out, prosecuted the guilty persons and secured punishment. A reward of Rs. 50 was given to me for my exertions in the detection of the case. Please see docket No. 3184 of the 26th February 1874 from the President of the Cantonment Municipality (printed in the pamphlet of my Testimonials). Such things are sure to recur in our Municipality also, if there is no competent officer to supervise these low-paid Pygusties. There is no doubt that there is the Superintendent to see what these Pygusties do; but his supervision, I beg to submit, cannot be so efficacious as he will not be able to spare his night hours punctually to trace out their movements, being all exhausted in the mornings and noons in attending to the Koti work.

7. These Pygusties again, can hardly discharge independently the duty of checking stock in the shops. The petty shops, no doubt, they can examine; but when they mean to examine the big shops they lack by their low status and inferior position that spirit which an officer of a higher rank would evince, and would not get themselves admitted to the details of all accounts, resting satisfied, so to say, of the accuracy of such accounts at the mere word of the merchant.

8. To form an idea of the capacity of the Pygusties for detecting smuggled cases, a preliminary consideration as to whether the pay allowed them could entice any man of sagacity, intelligence, activity and energy—which are the chief qualifications required in a Detective officer, would help a great deal. That these low-paid Pygusties do not possess in them all the required qualifications, is borne out by the recent fact of their having taken wrong steps, without my knowledge, in the detection, on the 18th December last, of a bundle of smuggled tobacco, which had to be ultimately released, though a strong case could have been made out of it, had the preliminary procedure on their part been well aimed.

9 Prosecutions are being conducted till now either by the Superintendent or the Deputy Inspector and never by the Pygusties who are not expected to have any tact in dealing with cases placed in their hands. Under these cir-

cumstances, if the Deputy Inspector's post be abolished, the Superintendent will have to go to the court invariably, absenting himself from the Koti, which occasion the minor koti officials take advantage of, or when the merchants will be put to much inconvenience and loss.

10. All the above, I beg to submit, shews that without a Deputy Inspector to assist and relieve the Superintendent, the latter will not be able to manage both the out-door and in-door work both day and night, either singly or with the assistance of the Pygusties only. While so, and while the out-door staff requires to be, in my humble opinion, further strengthened, owing to the increase in the number of shops and trade in the excisable articles, the idea of reducing it would lead, to a very inconvenient arrangement.

11. I would take this opportunity to bring to your kind notice that the strength of the Octroi Department of the Civil and Military Station consists in 1 Superintendent, 1 Prosecuting Inspector 1 Sub-Inspector, 1 excise officer in the Railway Station, Pygusties and Ookud peons apart from the establishment attached to the Koti.

12. As for my personal qualifications for the post, I beg to request the favor of your going through my testimonials (appended hereto) which I have obtained from the several officers under whom I served.

13, Since the present Superintendent took charge of the Octroi Department (i e.) during the current year I have been putting forth all my exertions in increasing the collection of the Department over that of the last year, in spite of the tax on tobacco having been reduced from Rs. $3\frac{1}{2}$ to Rs 3 per maund During the year I have detected up to date some 15 smuggled cases and obtained convictions invariably in all. Just recently, I detected a Ganja case in the very place where the Pygusties failed to make out a case of the smuggled tobacco referred to in para 8, and prosecuted the party before the Town Magistrate. The accused was convicted and a reward of Rs 25 was kindly ordered to be given to the detectors. In his Proceedings the Town Magistrate has been pleased to refer to my capabilities and conduct in detecting cases and prosecuting the parties.

14. I have been an old servant of the Department, and am well acquainted with all the details of the work connected with it. During the period of my service here I have given satisfaction to all my superior officers. For these reasons, I respectfully beg you will be good enough to reconsider my poor case, and retain the provision for my pay in the ensuing year's Budget.

For which act of kindness I shall be ever grateful.

Most Respected Sir,
Your most Obedient Servant.

BANGALORE,
26th *April* 1893.

Deputy Inspector,
Octroi Department,
City Municipality.

Read:—

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Petitions Nos 2805 & 2830 dated 26th and 27th April '93 respectively from Subbakon Deputy Inspector, Octroi Department, Bangalore City Municipality praying that provision may be made for his pay in the City Municipal Budget for 1893-94

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Re: Two Petns with their enclosures

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Order thereon

On a perusal of the petitions and their enclosures it appears to Govt that the detective + prosecuting branches of the Octroi Dept requires an official of this position and experience of Petnr, having regard to the fact that the Supdt is, in addition charged with the duties of Collector of Horse and Motor taxes, and that the Mepl Board did not give the matter, the amount of consideration demanded by the interests of a Dept whose sphere is likely to expand in the near future

and which contributes so largely to the Municipal Revenues. Before arriving at a final decision on the point Govt would be glad to be favoured with the views of the President in the matter and he is requested, pending such decision, to suspend all action if any, taken on the Board's resolution

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JP
for Chief Secretary

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To The President of the
Bangalore City Municipality
with Petitions & Sue bounds.

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From.

The President
City Municl Commrs
Bangalore

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To.

The Chief Secretary
to the Dewan of
Mysore

Dated 22nd May 1893
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No 285 En 4

Subject

Submitting the
views of the President
in the matter of the
retention of the services
of Octroi Deputy
Inspector Subba Ro

L. B.
Mrs
22/5

No. 285
Enc: 4

City Municipal Office
Bangalore
Dated 19/22 May 1893

To

The Chief Secretary
to the Dewan of
Mysore

Sir,

With reference to Govt Proceedings No. 18753/27 272-92 dated 13th Instant I have the honour to state that I was present at the meeting of the Board when it was decided to dispense with the office of the Deputy Inspector The decision was come to on careful consideration and unanimously. The Board was of opinion not that the detective & prosecuting branches of the Octroi Department does not require an official of the position & experience

of the Petitioner but that his position was not sufficiently high. His pay is only Rs 257 a month which (apart from the confidence which a given person in the office may or may not command) can hardly be taken as a guarantee against the temptations which the uncontrolable collection of a large Revenue (Rs 25000/- a year) places before a low paid official with little or no higher ambition. The Board was therefore convinced that the Octroi Department requires the undivided attention of a better paid official at the head of it and the understanding was that the Superintendent should give all his time to his own Department and to nothing else which is absolutely necessary now when the scope of the Department is limited and will be more so, when such scope shall as is contemplated

expanded. The Superintendent was temporarily put in charge of the collection work generally in the hope that the Government might be pleased to sanction a City Amildar. As the Government has finally declined to sanction it, he has been relieved of the extra work and a tentative arrangement has been made as an experiment to test whether the Vice President as ordered by the Government can get on with the work without help. This experiment has but just been begun. The work is just now very heavy and is of a very petty character It is occupying much of the Vice Presidents time, while it could - much of it, - be equally well done by a less expensive official. Much of this work arises from a faulty system now in vogue of the

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Khates of house and shop tax
standing for buildings instead
of in the name of the owners which
necessitates the settlement of numerous
disputes as to who is liable. I have
ordered this system to be altered
and when the proper registration
of houses is completed it may
reduce the work. With the intention
of giving a fair trial to the
wishes of the Government I am
keeping the experiment & I hope.
that it may succeed at any
rate with a little extra help to
the Vice President. I fully agree
with the Board in its opinion
that it is a wrong policy to charge
the Octroi Superintendent with
the work of general Collection
which is in the first place too
heavy in itself to allow his time
to supervise the Octroi work
and is secondly being of an
Administrative Character

more

more agreeable and therefore likely
to be too attractive to leave in
him much inclination for the
legitimate work If Sauvaire Dos.
Pillay who has all his life been
used to the General Administration
of the Municipality is charged with
general collection &c. in addition
to Octroi work the latter is sure
to fall on the Petitioner who will
virtually be the Superintendent
without his pay The Government
is aware of the character of Octn.
work I cannot advise its being
left to a low paid man with no
future prospects to look forward to.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obed.t servant

Jn. Thyagaraja
President

Bangalore City Municipality

Extract from the Proceedings of the Bangalore City Municipal Commission at an ordinary meeting held on Tuesday the 28th February and on 1st March 1893.

Para XII: Standing Committee's Report

(1) on the Budget Estimates for 1893–94.

(2) on the claim of Venkataraya Chetti for compensation for a portion of his land taken up for widening the Balak butchery road.

(3) on the Estimate for Rs 1,032 to improve the Municipal office building.

Resolution:-

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The Budget is passed with the above modifications.

Sd/ Mir Shujaat Ali
President

Mem
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Memo

The accompanying Petition dated 5. May 1893 No 2919 from Subba Rao, Deputy Inspector, Octroi Department Bangalore received in the Dewan's office is forwarded to the President of the Bangalore City Municipal Commission for consideration and report at his early convenience.

By order

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To
The President of the
Bangalore C[illegible]

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From

The Chief Secretary
to the Dewan of Mysor

To

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References to be marked.

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Honorable P. Chentsal Rao Pantalu G
C.I.E.

Councelor to His Highness
Maharajah of Mysore

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17/7/93
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Most Respected and honored Sir,

Most respectfully I beg leave to approach your honor with this my petition praying for early orders as regards the retention of my appointment as Deputy Inspector of the Octroi Department, City Municipality Bangalore. In my previous three petitions to your honor I have explained all the circumstances and from them your honor might have come to know that my poor case was not fairly dealth with by the Municipal Board.

The Board resolved to abolish my post in the meeting held on the 28th February last. Since then I have detected 3 or 4 smuggled cases, prosecuted the parties and secured punishment for them in the Court of the City Magistrate.

Commissioners are well disposed towards me, and are for the
of my post. I have been waiting
other Municipal Commissioners
replies; and these, I beg to state,
be submitted to your honor, as I ob-
tain them.

Once more I humbly beg
honor may be pleased to take all
these and my miserable circumstan
ces into kind consideration and
pass favorable orders as early as
practicable for provision being made
for my pay and allowance as Dy
Inspector of the Octroi department, in
the Municipal Budget for the current
year.

For which act of charity I shall
ever pray for the long life and pros-
perity of your honor and your honors
family.

I beg to remain,
Most respected and honored Sir
Your most obedient & humble ser

S N Veerabhadrappa
Deputy Inspector,
Octroi Deptt,
City Municipality, Banga

Bangalore
5th July 1893

To

J. Cameron Esqr.
Municipal Commissioner
City Municipality
Bangalore.

Respected Sir,

In submitting herewith copy of my petition dated 26th April last, to the end of the President of the City Municipality, Bangalore, I respectfully beg to request the favor of your as to the retention of my appointment in the Detroi de partment, upon consideration of the facts therein set

I beg leave to state that the President's reply to the said petition has been to the effect that he could not interfere in what the Board has resolved. I therefore, request you to Consider my case and and make favorable recommendation on my behalf.

For which act of kindness I shall, as in duty bound, ever be thankful.

I remain,
Respected Sir,
Your most Obedient Servant
S M Abeerdeen

Bangalore
20th June '93

Subba Rau, late Deputy Inspector
of the Dept^t, City Municipality,
wishes to be restored to his for-
mer post in the Service which
would be equivalent to his
former pay. Being one of the
of the Municipality. This is a very
natural desire, and I, for one,
shall be ready to support any
scheme which the Executive
may think proper for the re-
lief of Mr Subba Rau.
Perhaps I have advised him
address the President — on his
subject of re-employment and
submit to that Officer such
testimonials as the Commissioners
may have given him.

Chennai.

28th June 15.

To

S. Subbarao Esqre

Municipal Commissioner

City Municipality, Bangalore

Respected Sir.

In submitting herewith copy of my petition dated 26th April last to the address of the President of the City Municipality, Bangalore, I respectfully beg to request the favor of your opinion as to the retention of my appointment in the Octroi department upon Consideration of the facts therein given

I beg leave to state that the President reply to the said petition has been to the effect that he could not interfere in what the Board has resolved I therefore, request you to re-consider my case, and make favorable recommendation on my behalf

For which act of kindness I shall, as in duty bound, ever be thankful

I remain,

Respected Sir,

Your most Obedient Servant

S Subbarao

Bangalore
20th Jan 1893

Sir,

In reply I write to inform you that I was not in favor of abolishing the office of Deputy Octroi Inspector and much less against your continuing to hold the same. On the other hand I remember having supported some of the members who strongly advocated the retention of the Office

in question. I considered them and still consider that the appointment of a Deputy Inspector is very necessary. You ask me to reconsider your case; but you must know that I never voted against you. I shall, however, be glad if you get back your appointment or any other situation to which you may be best qualified

22nd June 1893

Subhakaru
Municipal Commissioner
IV Division

To

Sambasiva Iyer Esqre.
Municipal Commissioner,
City Municipality, Bangalore

Respected Sir

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I beg leave to state that the President's reply to the said petition has been to the effect that he could not interfere in what the Board has resolved I, therefore, request you to re-consider my case, and make favorable recommendation on my behalf

For which act of kindness, I shall, as in duty bound, ever be thankful

I remain,
Respected Sir,
Your most Obedient servant

S M Veerappa

Bangalore
20th June 1893

I wait for the reduction of
your appointments

I spoke much in your
favour, & waited for your
reduction
1st June 93 Alexander

To.

Dodd a Ganpanna Gowda;
Municipal Commissioner,
City Municipality,
Bangalore.

Respected Sir.

In submitting herewith copy of my petition dated 26th April last, to the address of the President of the city Municipality, Bangalore I respectfully beg to request the favor of your opinion as to the retention of my appointment in the Octroi department, upon consideration of the facts therein given.

I beg leave to state that the President's reply to the said petition has been to the effect he could not interfere in what the Board has resolved. I, therefore, request you to reconsider my case, and make favorable recommendation on my behalf

For which act of kindness I shall, as in duty bound, ever be thankful

I remain,
Respected Sir,
Your most obedient servant
S Nobee Rau

Bangalore
20th June 1893.

To

Mr Doddaa Rao

I said at the meeting that your appointment should be retained and I hold the same

Junior style. Hope you
may be entertained again
so you can say so much
experience with your entire
debtor department

Yours truly

21st June M. C
1893.

Bangalore
21st. June/98.

To M R Ry
Lobiba Row
Deputy Inspector
Octroi Deptt.

Sir.

In reply to your letter of the 20th Instant I have only to inform you that I was not in favor of abolishing your appointment as Deputy Inspector, tho' there was a highly paid Officer at the head of the Department, and that there was not sufficient notice to consider this question in details. Since

To

S. Anniappa Chetty Esqre

Municipal Commissioner,
City Municipality, Bangalore

Respected Sir,

In submitting herewith copy of my petition dated 26th April last to the address of the of the City Municipality, Bangalore, I respectfully beg to request the favor of your opinion as to the retention of my appointment in the Octroi Department, upon consideration of the facts therein given.

I beg leave to state that the President's reply to the said petition has been to the effect that he could not interfere in what the Board have resolved. I therefore, request you to reconsider my case and make favorable recommendation on my behalf.

For which act of kindness, I shall, as in duty bound, ever be thankful.

I remain,
Respected Sir,
Your most obedient Servant
S. M. Abdulla

Bangalore
20th June 1893

I have known the bearer Mr. B Subba Rao long in the Octroi Department. He is a strict honest and hardworking man of good principles and this has been the opinion of the merchants in general. He has been a Detective Officer all the while and as such a very important person in the Department. I shall be very glad to see him retained in his appointment and this is the very opinion

I have given them in the question was in the Board's Meeting.

S. V. Ammoyappa

Bangalore,
22nd June 1893

Bangalore
26th June 93

Sir

In reply to your letter of 26 June I have the honour to inform you that I was absent at the meeting in which the resolution was made to dispense with your service. The President, as the immediate Executive Officer, is the best judge to decide whether the retention of your service as the Deputy Inspector Octroi Dept. is necessary or otherwise. They how considering the services you have put in the Octroi Dept. as well as the good testimonials you have, some provision or other ought to be made by you in the Municipality, as you represent that your services have been dispensed with for no fault of your own.

I shall be very happy

I have given notice
in the Board's Office

Bangalore,
22nd June 1893

Sir

We you reinstated in duty
& hope your sad case
with the Success in
the matter is reconsidered
Board or the Pres

A J.

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To

D Venkatramiah Esqre

Municipal Commissioner,
City municipality, Bangalore

Respected Sir

In submitting herewith copy of my petition dated 26th April last to the address of the President of the City Municipality, Bangalore, I respectfully beg to request the favor of your opinion as to the retention of my appointment in the Octroi department, upon consideration of the facts therein given

I beg leave to state that the President's reply to the said petition has been to the effect that he could not interfere in what the Board has resolved I, therefore, request you to reconsider my case, and make favorable recommendation on my behalf

For which act of kindness I shall, as in duty bound, ever be thankful

I remain,
Respected Sir,
Your most dedicated Servant

Bangalore
20th June 1893

S M Abdul

Sir

In reply to the above I am to state that I do not know either you or your work personally. As a member of the Budget Committee I was unwilling to move for the retrenchment of the establishment as I was not at all acquainted with the working of any of the departments of the Municipality

the Sub Committee appointed for the consideration of the budget did not make any proposal to abolish the appointment you held. On the day the budget came up for discussion, the question of retention of yourself and some others suddenly cropped up and it was decided by a majority (I did not vote on many proposals that day either for or against) that your services should be dispensed with. I remember that Mr Sambasivan and some other commissioners having spoken very strongly in favour of your retention on the ground that you were a good public servant the President remarked that in deciding the question, the members ought to avoid all consideration about the person that held the appointment but confine themselves to the fact whether the appointment was necessary or not. He further remarked that if any persons whose services were dispensed with that day would be provided for elsewhere if they were qualified Some of the members who were near him myself thought that the retention or otherwise of any servant working under the President must be left to the President as he is the best judge whether a particular appointment was necessary or not. Under that circumstances I do not know how I can be of any service to you.

I am,

Yours faithfully

D Venkatarama Iyer

20/6/93

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-and :-

Octroi Dy Inspector Subba Rao

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In the Petition with its (7) enclosures

Letter from the President of the Bangalore City municipal Commission dated 12 etc 285 submitting the views of the Presidt in regard to the petition of 1 residents of the (2) Petition dated 5 July 1893 etc presented by Subba Rao Deputy Inspr Octroi Department, Bangalore City municipality, complaining against the Proceedings of the Mt Board abolishing the appointment and order thereon. —

From a perusal of the enclosures to the above petition Govt ~~Records~~ that as many as nine municipal commissioners viz messrs Gungiah, Ramiah, Subba Rao, Sambasiva Iyer and Annappah Setty voted in favour of the retention of petitioner's services as Dy Inspr of octroi in the city municipality, while Mr Venkatramiah did not vote at all messrs Rs Venkatramiah And Ramiah State that the question of the abolition of petitioner's appointment cropped up suddenly & without notice The former further states that the Sub Committee ~~whose~~ on the budget, whose report was the subject-matter for discussion before the Board, did not recommend the abolition of petitioner's appointment. The above petition and its enclosures are therefore ~~sent~~ forwarded to the President of the Bangalore municipality for his remarks ~~and~~ or explanation if any, especially in connection with his statement in his letter No 285 dated 19 May 1893

"The decision was come to on careful consideration and unanimously"

issue JP.
7/7/93

JP

V. Chief Secretary

To

The President of the Bangalore City Mty with Petition dated 5th July 1893

(General Serial No. 30)

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From The President
City Municipal Commissioners
Bangalore

To

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The Chief Secretary to the
Dewan of Mysore

Govt awaits the reply of the President to this office No. 699 letter pa dated 4.7.272-92 17/7/93 before passing orders on this reference.
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Dated 28th July 93

Despatched

Received 2-8

Enclosures No. 1

General No. 62
No.

Submits report on octroi Deputy Inspector Subba Row petition in re abolition of his office

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References to be marked.

To the Same No 4071
L 272-92
9.2.94

Mysore Govt. C. Press, Bangalore—21-12-92.—2000.

Submitted for orders
Dwl 12/12

No 62 City Municipal office
Bangalore date 28th July 1893

From The President
City Munpl Commsn

To The Chief Secretary to the
Govern ment of Mysore

Sir

In reference to your memorandum
No 21633/272-92 d/ 29th June 1893 calling
for my report on Petroi Deputy
Inspector Subba Roa's petition
I have the honor to return the
petition + to submit in reply
that Subba Roa's grounds stated
in the petition against the abolition
of his office may be summarised
as follows

2. He urges that while having

Subba Rao. now urges are altogether
beside the question - I may however
state that the Board while consid-
dering the question of the coal
want through the whole list of
the establishment I was of opinion
that no other officer could without
prejudice to efficiency be dis-
pensed with. Subba Rao
brings to notice that certain
hands are not employed on
Electric work I shall enquire into
And if I find his statement
to be correct I the hands
otherwise employed not required
for Electric duties, I shall advise
the Board to remove them from
the Electric list. I need hardly
submit that that certain
hands are not wanted cannot
render a superfluous office
necessary

necessary.

4. Subba Rau has chosen a Course which, if his example be encouraged by Govt & followed by others, may tend to disturb proper discipline. His proper course was to have sent his petitions through me

I have the honor to be
Sir
your most obedient Servant
J Romanis
for President

Box mm 65 LS

Encl 6/8/93

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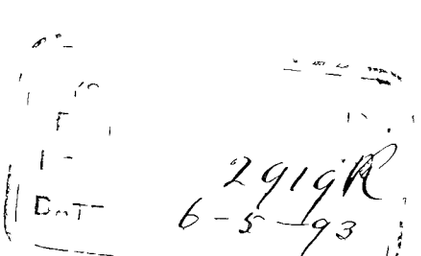

His Excellency the Dewan Bhadur
of Mysore.

Most Respected and Honored Sir,

In continuation of my petition dated the 28th Ultimo, wherein I have set forth reasons to show that the Post of the Deputy Inspector in the City Octroi department is absolutely necessary, I most respectfully beg leave to submit the following facts for your Excellency's kind Consideration.

2 It does not seem that the Resolution passed by the City Municipal Board in the Meeting of the 28th Febmary last as regards the abolition of the post of the Deputy Inspector of the Octroi Department was on account of any fall or

or apprehension of a fall in the Collection of the Department for from the date of the organization of the Excise Department in the Bangalore city down to the present, the Revenue has been uniformly good. This fact and the absence of any perceptible fall in the Consumption of excisable articles, afford a sufficient guarantee to assume that the collection of the Department will remain steady in future too. Nay, the same will increase if such new items of articles as Cocoanut-oil and the ~~oil~~ like should be subjected to the Excise Duty, which I hear, is now under the Contemplation of Government.

The main reason for the said

Resolution having been passed
appears to be that with the present
scale of the Octroi Establishment
the cost on that account could
not be limited to the amount
sanctioned in the Budget. For
ready reference I beg to note
on the margin the Scale of

Manager on Rs 70 per mensem	
Deputy Inspetor on Rs 32 "	
Head Writer on Rs 20 "	
2nd Writer " Rs 15 "	
Honegars @ Rs 11 each "	Rs 22 -
Mutsaddi " "	8.
do @ Rs 6 " "	12 "
Pygnaty " "	8 "
do @ Rs 7 " "	21
do @ Rs 6 " "	12
Bokad + Kolhi peons "	183
Total Rs per mensem	403

Octroi Establishment
as sanctioned in the
Budget for 1892-93, from
which it will be seen
that the total cost
sanctioned for the
Establishment was
Rs 403 per mensem
against which Rs 448
or Rs 45 in excess are
now being incurred,
as the pay of the Superintendent, viz., Rs 115 is debited in

full to the Octroi.

4 When the manager of the Octroi department on Rs 70 was taken to the Municipal Head Office, and the Manager of that Office was sent instead to the Octroi department as Superintendent on Rs 115, it was understanding that the pay of these Officers should be drawn from the respective Offices, on the Barawards (acquittance Rolls) of which their names were originally enlisted. And accordingly they drew their pay for some months; but subsequently these were made to draw their pay from the Offices wherein they were actually working. This arrangement, of course, incurred the cost of the Octroi Establishment by Rs 45 per mensem, while it seemed

seemed a corresponding decrease on the other side, effecting no net increase on the whole. Even this nominal increase would disappear, should the extra sum of Rs 45 be paid out from the Municipal office as the Octroi Superintendent has now been doing the duty of Assessor and Collector in addition to his own.

If there were any technical objections or inconveniences for so doing, the required reduction in the Cost of Octroi Establishment could have been made in another way. Though the Head writer on Rs 20, the Peggoty on Rs 8, and 2 peons on Rs 5 each are borne upon the Octroi Establishment, yet they actually serve in the Municipal office,

receiving men pay for the depart-
ment in which they render the
services. This system as compared
with what is adopted by the
Superintendent is quite anomalous
Their pay amount in all to Rs 38
per month which is apparently
an extraneous cost to the Octroi
Department. To this should be
added Rs 11, the pay of one
of the two managers in the Koti,
whose service is almost sinecure
While thus a reduction of Rs 49
which was a superfluous cost
to the Department could have been
made without prejudice to the
well-working of the department,
the same was not considered,
but steps were taken to abolish

all at once the post of deputy Inspector which I hold from the organisation of the department, and which is absolutely necessary for ~~carrying~~ the detection work.

I humbly beg to state that Rai bhadur Mr Srinivasa Charlu is fully aware of all I have done in the Excise department.

I pray Your Excellency will take all these facts to your benevolent Consideration and pass order for retaining my services in the department. As Orders have been issued to me from the Vice-President that my appointment should cease from 1st Proximo, I humbly pray your Excellency will be pleased to pass orders within the said date

4. Copies of the marginally noted

× Certificates by Mr Vy. Tyagaraja Iyer, City Magistrate
Puttama chetti in Head Qrs. Police Sup.

certificates I most respectfully beg to submit for Your Excellency's kind perusal.

I beg to remain

Most Respectful & Honored Sir

Your most Obedient Servant

S. M. Blackwell

Deputy Inspector,

Octroi Dept, City Municipality

Bangalore

Bangalore
5th May 1893

Copies of certificates

I knew bearer Subbarao, deputy Inspector, Octroi department, Bangalore Municipality for the first time when I was acting Vice President for a few days some 2 years back. He did his duties to my satisfaction then. He has since appeared before me as City Magistrate in many smuggling cases, in all of which he did very well as a detective officer, though he may seem to be old

Bangalore
4th may 1893

(Signed) S. Vaidyanatha

"True copy"

S. Muthaiah
Deputy Inspector,
Octroi dept.

The bearer B. Subbarao was employed as detective overseer in the Octroi department of the Bangalore City Municipality during the ten months I was in charge of the Municipality. I found him active and energetic in his work, and

and generally satisfactory in his dealing
with merchants and the public

3rd May 1893

(Sd) B. Puttanna Chetty
Head quarters Supdt of Police,
Cable & Vice President
City municipality.

True Copy

S. Edgar Cole
Deputy Secretary
Chief Secretariat.

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Read.-

Letter dated 28 July 1893 No 62 from the President of the Bangalore City Municipality, submitting the explanation called for in Govt Proceedings offered Memorandum dated 24 June 1893 No 21633/272-92 in regard to the petition of the Octroi Deputy Inspectors Subbien Rao

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Order thereon

Govt await the reply of the President to this Govt Proceedings dated 17 July 1893 No 688/272-92 before passing orders on the above reference

Issue 2P. 18/8.

For Chief Sy

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From

The President
City Munpl. Comr
Bangalore

To

The Chief Secretary
to the Government of Mysore

Dated
Despd 12th Sept/93.

No. 125

Enclosure No. 1 file

To wait till the Board settles the matter finally JP.

Subject

Regarding the abolish-ion of the Office of the Deputy Inspectors in the Octroi Department

To be submitted with the Budget for 1894-95
15-2-94

The Budget order passed by the Corporation includes the provision for the salary of the Dy Inspectors. OSJ 1/8/94

File No. 1-2-94

LJB 15/9/93

City Municipal Office
Bangalore 12th Sept 1893

No. 125.

Encl No. 1 file
Subba Rao's petition
and others.

From

The President
City Munl. Commission

To

The Chief Secretary
to the Government of Mysore

Sir.

With reference to Government Proceedings No. 4071/L.T 292-92 dated 2d Instant, I have the honor to state that the Sub-Committee's Report was before the Board with due notice. It was not understood at the time that the Board was bound to consider only the abolitions recommended by the Sub-Committee. Such a theory would be absurd on the very face of it. The Sub Committee considered the Budget and sent

it up as a whole and it was for the Board to consider it as a whole. The Board understood the subject as such and made such alter-ations as it thought proper. Subba Rao's post was not the only one thus abolished. A large number of unnecessary and superfluous appointments were abolished. That the decision in regard to Subba Rao's appointment was came to on careful consideration is a fact. That it was unanimous or not I do not now quite remember. As some of the members say that it was not I have no hesitation to believe in their memory. I based my remark on the recorded resolution which does not relate to any dissent. Perhaps in the hurry the dissent was not recorded. To remove any doubt that may

exist I beg to state that I have no aversion against Subba Rao personally With me the question is not personal It is merely a question of principle The Board if not unanimously at any rate by a majority considers the appointment unnecessary as I have already stated I am fully convinced of the soundness of the decision of the Board.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient Servant.

K Srinivasa Rau
Ag President